Child Trafficking

379. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that child trafficking on the ground of adoption is increasing day-by-day;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent the same;

(c) under what provision of law the persons indulging in trafficking are prosecuted; and

(d) whether Government is having any plan to strengthen law to prevent the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The law for dealing with child traffickers includes the Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1956, relevant provisions under the IPC/CrPC and any other law prevalent in the respective State Governments/Union Territories. The existing laws are considered adequate to prevent and punish such actions.

Violence against religious minorities

380. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the newsitem captioned "Violence against religious minorities in India alarming, US report" appearing in the Hindu dated 20th June, 2001;

(b) whether it is a fact that violence against persons/ institutions or religious affiliations and Christian community has increased since January, 1998;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and